



APPLICATION FORM - FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Forest Resources Division
Email fillable pdf to DNR service forester at the start of the planning process.



CONTACT INFORMATION				
Plan Writer Name		Landowner Name		
Landowner Complete Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)				
Landowner Telephone Number (with area code)		Landowner E-mail		
PROPERTY LOCATION				
County	Township	Town	Range	Section Number
Basic Legal Description				
Forested Acres in Plan	There is no minimum or maximum acreage to develop a forest stewardship plan. Financial assistance is only available for first-time forest stewardship plans for forests ≥20 acres.			
ELIGIBILITY				
Yes	No			
		Is the property non-industrial private forest land owned by an individual, family, group, corporation, tribe or other private entity?		
		Has landowner applied for a contract with the NRCS to do a forest management plan for this same property?		
		Does this parcel have an earlier forest stewardship plan or other type of prior forest management plan?		
OTHER PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS				
A forest stewardship plan describes a landowner's goals, forest resources and recommended activities to achieve goals over the next 5 to 20 years. Participating in the voluntary Forest Stewardship Program indicates intent to take good care of private forest land. Landowners who enroll in separate programs must comply with those independent program guidelines.				
Yes	No			
		Is landowner applying separately to Qualified Forest Program for lower property taxes? [Michigan.gov/QFP]		
		Is landowner applying separately to Commercial Forest Program to lower property taxes? [Michigan.gov/CommercialForest]		
		Is landowner applying to NRCS for financial assistance to implement this forest stewardship plan? [nrcs.usda.gov]		
		Is landowner joining American Tree Farm System to certify their exemplary forest stewardship? [TreeFarmSystem.org/MI]		
		Is landowner interested in a conservation easement or certification with Forest Stewardship Council? [us.fsc.org]		
The Michigan Forest Stewardship Program gives landowners a free one-year membership in the Michigan Forest Association (MFA). MFA provides education, fellowship, advocacy and a quarterly magazine for family forest owners (MichiganForests.org). Write "YES" in the box to give the DNR permission to share contact information with the Michigan Forest Association. The DNR will not share landowner contact information without permission.				
MICHIGAN STEWARDSHIP ETHIC				
Stewardship is an ethic recognizing that the land and its natural inhabitants have an inherent worth and that humans have a responsibility to consider the natural world as we manage, protect and enjoy the forest. Stewardship guides us to conduct our activities to the utmost of our abilities, insure the future health, productivity, diversity and well-being of the forest, its natural communities and species. We must provide opportunities to our successors that are equal to ours to use and enjoy the forest and its resources. Please use this forest stewardship plan as an opportunity to help landowners define their own land ethic.				

PLAN PREPARATION COST AND DISCOUNTS

The cost to develop a forest stewardship plan is determined by the plan writer and agreed upon by the landowner. A 10% discount up to \$400 is available through a grant to the plan writer with funding from the United States Forest Service. This 10% discount may only be used for first-time forest stewardship plans, not to update or revise any prior forest management plan.

Total Cost of the Forest Stewardship Plan	\$
10% Discount Paid by DNR to Forester, not to exceed \$400	\$
Write "100" for additional payment from DNR to Plan Writer for providing an initial inspection for the American Tree Farm System. Plan Writer must be a current Tree Farm Inspecting Forester and submit separately the "021 Form" to www.ATFSdatabase.org .	\$

DNR PROPERTY REVIEW AT START OF PLANNING PROCESS

DNR Signature	Date
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State Historic Preservation Office (If positive, have landowner contact Stacy Tchorzynski at TchorzynskiS@Michigan.gov for more info.)

NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	Comments
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Threatened & Endangered Species Database Results (See Michigan Natural Features Inventory at mnfi.anr.msu.edu for more information.)

DNR PLAN APPROVAL AND COST SHARE PAYMENT

Service Forester	FSP ID	Date
FSP Coordinator		Date

Forest stewardship plans must be completed within a single federal fiscal year starting October 1 and ending September 30. Plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to September 15 to allow for year-end reporting. Payment will be authorized if the plan includes required components and the Plan Writer has a grant agreement with the DNR for cost share.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Forest Stewardship Program is a partnership between United States Forest Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 150 professional foresters and landowners to develop a custom forest stewardship plan for their woods. Since 1991, more than 7,100 landowners in Michigan have developed their own forest stewardship plan to help them *manage, protect, and enjoy* over 1.2 million acres of forest. See Michigan.gov/ForestStewardship for information or contact the Forest Stewardship Coordinator, Mike Smalligan, at 517-449-5666 or SmalliganM@Michigan.gov or 525 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933

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